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1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED PASS BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NOVEMBER 8 MEETING FOLLOWING STATEMENT ISSUED HERE BY ROY CARTER, PROFESSOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA: QUOTE AS NORTH AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR CURRENTLY SPENDING SHORT-TERM SABATICAL LEAVE IN CHILE CONTINUE WORK WITH CHILEAN COLLEAGUE ON SERIES OF STUDIES INITIATIED IN 1962 WHEN I WAS FULBRIGHT-HAYS GRANTEE IN CHILE, I WISH EXPRESS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE EXPAND, RATHER THAN REDUCE, NUMBER OF FULBRIGHT GRANTS AVAILABLE EACH YEAR FOR U.S. APPLICANTS WHO WISH WORK IN CHILE.

2. A FEW DAYS AGO I RETURNED TO SANTIAGO AFTER VISIT TO UNIVERSIDAD AUSTRAL, VALDIVIA, CHILE, WHICH HAS EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONAL PLAN WE BEGAN TO WORK OUT WITH PROFESSOR FRANCISCO FERNANDEZ, HEAD OF SOCILOGY DEPARTMENT THERE, IN 1972, YEAR BEFORE PRESENT CHILEAN GOVERNMENT CAME INTO EXISTENCE. THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM, MAINLY IN APPLIED SOCIOLOGY, INCLUDES THE PARTICIPATION IN 1976-77 OF ANOTHER UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SOCIOLOGIST (PROFESSOR GEORGE DONOHUE), WHOSE INTEREST IN VARIOUS PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS IN VALDIVIA WAS SO STRONG HE SOUGHT AND OBTAINED OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT AFTER
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A PROPOSED FULBRIGHT GRANT FAILED TO MATERIALIZE. ALSO,

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PROFESSOR DARIO MENANTEAU OF UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA HAS BEEN WORKING AS SOCIOLOGIST IN VALDIVIA FOR TWO YEARS.

3. MY OWN EXPERIENCE IN CHILE HAS INCLUDED TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS OF SERVICE AT UNIVERSITY OF CONCEPCION UNDER AN EARLIER (1960'S) EXCHANGE PROGRAM SPONSORED BY FORD FOUNDATION, AS WELL AS SHORT-TERM VISITS (LIKE THE PRESENT ONE) MADE POSSIBLE BY GRANTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA. I FEEL THAT ANY REDUCTION IN FULBRIGHT PROGRAM FOR CHILE WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF CURRENT SCARCITY OF FUNDING FOR OVERSEAS RESEARCH AND TEACHING, BUT ALSO IN LIGHT OF ONE OF MAIN OBJECTIVES OF FULBRIGHT PROGRAM FROM ITS BEGINNING: INCREASED INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING. I KNOW OF FORMER FULBRIGHT GRANTEES AND FORMER PARTICIPANTS IN CONCEPCION PROGRAM WHO HAVE HAD LASTING IMPACT THROUGH THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH COLLEAGUES AND WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF STUDENTS.

4. HAVING WORKED AS PROFESSOR AND RESEARCHER IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES (E.G., ECUADOR, BRASIL, COSTA RICA), I HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY DEAL WITH ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENTS UNDER VARIETY OF POLITICAL CONDITIONS. THE EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN VALUABLE FOR ME.

5. U.S. PROFESSORS CONTINUE HAVE AN INTEREST IN CHILE AND CHILEAN PROFESSORS STILL WANT OBTAIN ADVANCED TRAINING IN UNITED STATES. I REITERATE MY HOPE THAT FULBRIGHT - HAYS PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE FACILITATE THIS KIND OF EXCHANGE ARRANGEMENT (SIGNED) ROY E. CARTER, JR. PROFESSOR OF MASS COMMUNICATION, SOCIOLOGY AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455 UNQUOTE.

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